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Fire Crews Continue Mop Up on Twelvemile Road Fire

Firefighters from CFPA, Douglas Forest Protective Association (DFPA), and Camas Valley RFD responded to a report of fire in the Twelvemile Creek drainage on September 7th. The fire, which was burning in slash, took 24 hours for firefighters to get control lines around it. Fire crews were assisted by several landowners, private logging companies, and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) with dozers, water tenders, helicopters, and retardant planes. The fire was contained on Thursday afternoon around 3:00 P.M. at 72 acres. Crews worked through the weekend to strengthen control lines and mop up hot spots on the fire. Crews will be working on this fire until it is completely extinguished. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

For more information on fire prevention or fire restrictions visit CFPA at www.coosfpa.net or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.





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Industrial Fire Restrictions Increase

Weather conditions continue elevate fire danger along the south coast prompting Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) to impose a Level II (2) industrial closure in CS-1 & CS-4, and a Level III (3) industrial closure in CS-2, CS-5, SK-1, & SK-2 for all lands protected by CFPA. The closure will take effect at 12:01 AM September 8, 2022.

The Level II (Limited Shutdown) prohibits the following from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

- operation of power saws, except at loading sites
- feller-bunchers with rotary head saws
- cable yarding
- blasting
- welding, cutting, or grinding of metal

The Level III (Restricted Shutdown) industrial closure prohibits cable yarding (except that gravity operated logging systems employing non-motorized carriages or approved motorized carriages may operate between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. when all blocks and moving lines are suspended 10 feet above the ground except the line between the carriage the carriage and the chokers and during rigging). The following are permitted between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m. where mechanized equipment capable of constructing fireline is immediately available to quickly reach and effectively attack a fire start:

- ground-based operations
- power saws on ground-based operations
- rotary head saw feller-bunchers with a continuous Firewatch
- non-rotary head saw feller-bunchers
- tethered logging systems

The following are permitted to operate between 8p.m. and 1p.m. in a Level III:

- power saws at loading sites
- loading and hauling of any product or material
- blasting
- welding, cutting, or grinding of metal
- any other spark emitting operation not specifically mentioned

For more information on fire prevention restrictions, you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at 541-267-1789 or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Think Fire Prevention This Holiday Weekend

Labor Day weekend is once again upon us. If you are planning one last weekend of summertime fun before school starts please keep fire prevention at the front of your mind. Firefighters are busy in southern Oregon fighting several fires and need your help to prevent any new fires from starting. The public use restrictions will be at high until conditions change, so make sure you know which activities you are planning and any restrictions on those activities. For a list of public use restrictions please go to our website at www.coosfpa.net. If you are planning on going out hunting or recreating in the forests make sure any landowner or management agency you are going to be on is open to the public and any additional fire prevention restrictions they may have. So please do your part to make this holiday weekend a fire safe one.



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- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Use of sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are allowed on improved roads free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads, and driveways: one shovel, one axe or Pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires are allowed only at designated, hosted, and managed campgrounds.
- Powersaw use is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M., each powersaw must have a shovel and 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. A firewatch of one hour is required after the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M., the area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charge water hose or 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M. The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.
- Any other spark emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M. when the area is cleared of flammable materials.

For more information on fire conditions and fire prevention go to our website at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at (541) 267-1789, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Firefighters Engaging A Fire Southeast of Loon Lake

Firefighters from CFPA and DFPA are responding to a report of a fire southeast of Loon Lake in the Lake Creek drainage this afternoon. The fire is burning in an active logging operation in a steep and remote access area. Currently the fire is about 1 acre in size. Fire crews are being assisted by several helicopters as well as landowner resources. Cause of the fire is under investigation.



For more information on fire prevention or fire restrictions visit CFPA at www.coosfpa.net or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.



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Fire Danger Level Increases To High

High temperatures and worsening fuel conditions across southern Oregon have prompted Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) to increase the fire danger level to “high” effective Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Live fuels are at the point where they are available for fire to burn, which makes fires more resistant to control efforts. CFPA is asking the public’s continued help with fire prevention this summer. The chart below explains the restrictions on the public.



Fire Danger Is High

- Debris burning is prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestland; except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated areas.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Use of sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
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- Any other spark emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is allowed from 8 P.M. until 10 A.M. when the area is cleared of flammable materials.

For more information on fire prevention closures and restrictions, you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at (541) 267-1789, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Firefighters Extinguish Fire Near Powers

Firefighters from CFPA, Powers RFD, Myrtle Point RFD, and US Forest Service responded to a report of a fire just north of Powers on Saturday afternoon. The fire, which was burning in grass and brush on a steep hillside, was contained by dark at about 15 acres. Fire crews were assisted by the landowner, a private logging company with dozers and water tenders, several helicopters, and a retardant plane.

Crews continued mopping up hot spots through Sunday. Cause of the fire is under investigation. Anybody with pertinent information about the fire should contact CFPA at 541-267-3161.



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Firefighters Continue Extinguishing Fire South of Reedsport

Firefighters from CFPA responded to a report of a fire south of Reedsport off Schofield Road yesterday. Firefighters were able to stop the fire before dark at $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. Fire crews are working today to extinguish any remaining heat sources on the fire. Cause of the fire is under investigation.



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Firefighters Stop Fires Along Trans-Pacific Highway

Firefighters from CFPA and North Bay RFD responded to a report of two fires burning along the Trans-Pacific Hwy today. Firefighters were able to stop the first fire at about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre and the second fire at 1 acre. Firefighters were able to get these fires knocked down before the coastal winds picked up. Cause of the fires is under investigation.

These fires are a good indicator of how dry grasses and fine fuels are along the south coast.



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Coos Forest Protective Association

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Industrial Fire Restrictions Increase

Fire danger conditions have increased prompting Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) to impose a Level II (2) industrial closure in CS-2, CS-5, SK-1 and SK-2 for all lands protected by CFPA. The closure will take effect at 12:01 AM Wednesday, July 27, 2022. The Level II (Limited Shutdown) prohibits the following from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

- operation of power saws, except at loading sites
- feller-bunchers with rotary head saws
- cable yarding
- blasting
- welding, cutting, or grinding of metal

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Fire Danger Level Increases To Moderate

Warm weather and wind across southern Oregon has prompted Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) to increase the fire danger level to “moderate” effective Tuesday July 12, 2022. CFPA is asking the public’s continued help with fire prevention this summer. The chart below explains the restrictions on the public.



Fire Danger Is Moderate

- Debris burning is prohibited.
- Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestland; except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated areas.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Use of sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are allowed on improved roads or trail systems free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads, and driveways: one shovel, one axe or Pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires are allowed only at designated locations.
- Powersaw use is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M., each powersaw must have a shovel and 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. A firewatch of one hour is required after the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M., the area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charge water hose or 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed from 8 P.M. until 1 P.M. The culture and harvest of agricultural crops is exempt from this requirement.
- Any other spark emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is allowed

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Debris Burning Prohibited

CFPA reminds the public that fire season is in effect. Fire season started on June 24, 2022, which means the end of unregulated, outside burning for rural Coos, Curry and western Douglas Counties. The outside burning of debris piles and the use of burn barrels will be prohibited until fire season is terminated. CFPA has been using education to deal with debris burning issues due to the weather so far this summer. Coming into the third week of fire season enforcement of prohibited debris burning will move to citations.

Residents living within an incorporated city need to contact their local fire department for burning restrictions and permit details.

For further information contact the CFPA Closure Information Line at (541) 267-1789, visit the website at www.coosfpa.net, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Make Fire Prevention A Priority This 4th of July

Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. While you are out enjoying your celebration, remember that fire season and regulated use restrictions are in effect. Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. If you plan on using fireworks please keep the following things in mind:

- Use of fireworks outside of city limits is prohibited
- Only use fireworks that are legal for use in Oregon
- Always have a bucket of water or fire extinguisher immediately available
- Always use fireworks as intended by the manufacturer, never modify or alter them



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- Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestland; except in vehicles on improved roads, in boats on the water, and other designated areas.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Use of sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, are allowed on improved roads or trail systems free of flammable vegetation, except for the cultivation and harvest of agricultural crops.
- Firefighting equipment is required while traveling in forestlands, except on state highways, county roads, and driveways: one shovel, one axe or Pulaski, and one gallon of water or a 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires, and warming fires are allowed with landowner approval.
- Powersaw use is allowed, each powersaw must have a shovel and 8 ounce or larger fire extinguisher. A firewatch of one hour is required after the use of each saw.
- Cutting, grinding, and welding of metal is allowed, the area must be cleared of flammable materials and have either a charge water hose or 2 ½ lb. or larger ABC fire extinguisher.
- Mowing of dried, cured grass is allowed.
- Any other spark emitting internal combustion engine not specifically mentioned is allowed when area is cleared of flammable materials.

Do your part to make this Independence Day a safe and fire free holiday. For more information on fire restrictions and prevention you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at (541) 267-1789, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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Fire Season Begins Friday, June 24, 2022

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) announced today that fire season will officially begin at 12:01 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2022. The start of fire season activates restrictions for both public and industrial forest use on all public, private, county, state, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands within CFPA's District boundaries.

The start of fire season means the end of unregulated, outside burning for rural Coos, Curry and western Douglas Counties. The outside burning of debris piles and the use of burn barrels will be prohibited until fire season is terminated.

Residents living within an incorporated city need to contact their local fire department for burning restrictions and permit details.

Under Oregon law, the use of tracer ammunition and exploding targets is prohibited during fire season, and the use of sky lanterns is prohibited year round.

Regulated Use restrictions will also be implemented, putting restrictions on public activities based on daily fire danger levels for specific activities.

Industrial fire regulations will also go into effect. Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 1 prohibits smoking while working on or traveling through an industrial operation. Specified fire tools and suppression equipment must be maintained on all operations. A fire watch is also required on all industrial operation sites.

As fire season progresses, additional closures and restrictions may be imposed as weather conditions and fire danger becomes more severe.

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Fire Season Will Be Here Soon

Now is the time to start thinking about fire prevention. The rain events over the last month have helped keep the start of fire season from coming early, but fire season will be here soon. Every sunny and windy day brings us closer to the start of fire season. Once fire season is declared all debris burning will be prohibited. Large piles built with machinery will hold heat for long periods of time. If you have large piles waiting for significant wetting rains in the fall is the safest option for burning them. To discuss safe burning conditions please call your nearest CFPA office.

Any time you debris burn you are responsible for maintaining control of your burn. For burning restrictions inside the city limits contact your local fire department. You can find more information on fire prevention on the web at www.coosfpa.net, on Facebook, or call (541) 267-3161.





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Hay Trailer Catches Fire Along Highway 42

Firefighters from CFPA, Bridge RFD, and Myrtle Point RFD responded to a report of a trailer hauling hay on fire west of Bridge, Oregon along Hwy 42 on Monday, May 23rd. The fire was caused by a bearing failure in the trailer axles, which caused the hay to ignite.

This fire is a reminder to always check your trailer before hauling to make sure your axles and tires are in good condition as well as making sure your safety chains are not going to drag on the ground.

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Make Your Memorial Weekend Fire Safe

Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) wishes everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day. Many people will be getting out to enjoy the outdoors and the warm weather, so please be careful with campfires. While we have enjoyed a wet spring remember it only takes a careless moment to cause a wildfire.

When you are out enjoying your holiday weekend, remember that fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. For more information on fire restrictions and prevention you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net, call the closure line at (541) 267-1789, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



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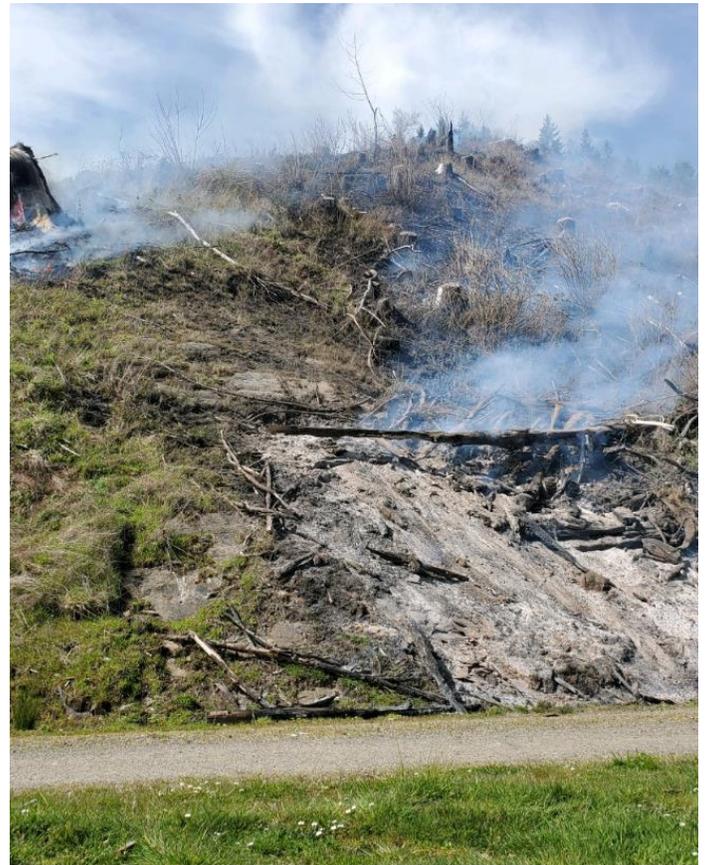
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Safe Debris Burning is a Must

Springtime debris burning is a normal way of cleaning up property in rural Oregon, but it also means an increase in wildfire responses for first responders. CFPA has always encouraged homeowners to get their debris burning done in the spring before summer conditions set in. Safe debris burning is the key, and there are a few things to keep in mind to burn safely, such as:

- **Only burn woody materials** (tires, plastics, garbage, and other similar materials are not legal to burn in Oregon).
- **Have a safe clearing around and above your pile.**
- **Keep your burn pile to a manageable size.**
- **Have adequate resources to control your burn** (the larger the pile the more resources needed to do it safely. A 3-foot by 3-foot pile may only require the presence of a charged garden hose, but a large 30-foot by 30-foot machine built pile may require a water truck and excavator to burn safely).
- **Not burning on hot or windy days.**
- **Be in attendance of your debris burn until it is out.**



While it is legal to debris burn in Oregon, it is also your responsibility to do so safely. When burning, take into consideration wind direction and avoid impacting others with your smoke.

For more information on fire prevention or fire danger levels, contact CFPA at 541-267-3161, visit us on the web at www.coosfpa.net or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.